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Shuster Releases Statement on Cambria County Bridge Collapse

Washington, D.C. –**Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement regarding the bridge collapse near Dysart in Cambria County:

“Last night’s bridge collapse underscores the urgent need for government at all levels to make investment into our aging infrastructure an immediate priority. Over 6,000 bridges in Pennsylvania are considered structurally deficient. This is unacceptable. Economic development and population growth cannot be sustained unless it can be supported by a backbone of modern and reliable infrastructure.

Thankfully, no one was hurt in last night’s collapse and the bridge, which was built in 1891, was already scheduled to be replaced in 2009. I am in contact with Pennsylvania Transportation Secretary Al Biehler and his team who are now reviewing last night’s events. Jim Frank, my District Director has also gone to the scene to view the damage first hand. I am ready to assist my state and local counterparts any way I can.”

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